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## Foreword

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## Introduction

This International Standard is intended to provide the basis for the mutual recognition by examining bodies of qualification related to the competence of welding operators and weld setters in the various fields of application. Tests shall be carried out in accordance with this International Standard unless more severe tests are specified by the relevant application standard, when these shall be applied.

The welding operator's or weld setter's ability and job knowledge continue to be approved only if the welding operators or weld setters are working with reasonable continuity on welding work within the extent of qualification. However, a functional knowledge test is mandatory.

It is presumed that the welding operator or weld setter has received training or has industrial practice within the range of qualification.

All new qualifications are to be in accordance with this International Standard from the date of issue.

At the end of its period of validity, the existing and valid qualification testing of welding operators and weld setters in accordance with the requirements of a national standard may be revalidated in accordance with this International Standard. The new range of qualification will be interpreted in accordance with the requirements of this International Standard.